

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending. Currently, claims 1-11 and 14-18 are indicated as allowed by the Examiner. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 12 and 13 are amended, with no new matter presented.

Dealing with preliminary matters first, Applicant notes that the Examiner has not acknowledged the drawings filed on November 16, 2000. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner indicate acceptance of these drawings in the next action.

With respect to the claim rejections, claims 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Scott et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,097,518). In view of the Examiner's comments on page 3 of the Office Action, Applicant has amended claim 12 to recite a print system for printing comprising, *inter alia*, a control circuit that controls compression and decompression timings of the image data in response *to contents* of the image processing performed by the image processor. Similarly, claim 13 has been amended to recite a method for printing comprising, *inter alia*, controlling compression and decompression timings of the image data in response *to contents* of the image processing. As the Examiner has indicated that this feature is not taught or suggested by the prior art in the statement of reasons for allowance regarding claims 1, 10 and 17, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 12 and 13 are likewise allowable at least because Scott et al. fails to anticipate or suggest the limitations of the claimed print system and method for printing, as defined by claims 12 and 13, respectively.

Furthermore, Applicant submits that since the amendments to claims 12 and 13 incorporate subject matter previously indicated as allowable with respect to claims 1, 10 and 17, further search and consideration is not necessitated by this Amendment. Accordingly, entry of the present Amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 12 and 13 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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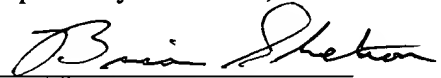
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